



## e-news @ Leigh & Bransford

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Welcome back you lovely lot....it sure has been a while!

A special welcome to the new Reception families & new children in other classes, we are pleased you are part of our school.

**School Update, Mr Bill** - I would like to start by thanking you all for helping us to keep everyone safe by so responsibly socially distancing whilst waiting on school grounds. In addition to this it has been very welcome to see people sticking to their drop off and pick up times. This has had the effect of reducing numbers on the school site and allowing the drop off/pick up car park to function efficiently.

We have had a really positive start to the term with good levels of attendance and pupils who are, on the whole, happy to be back and increasingly happy and secure at school. It has been a treat to see them interact with each other and to see them begin to engage with their school work.

**In the case of illness** - It is inevitable that over the coming weeks members of the school community will exhibit potential Covid symptoms, with that in mind I would like to let you know the procedure to follow.

- If your child is displaying Covid symptoms then please do not send them (or any sibling) to school but do let us know. (Symptoms are any of - a continuous cough, a temperature above 37.8c or a loss/change in the sense of taste or smell.)
- Anyone who is displaying these symptoms should arrange to be tested by visiting: <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/testing-and-tracing/get-a-test-to-check-if-you-have-coronavirus/> If you are struggling to get a test then please phone the school office on 01886 832342 and we will endeavour to assist you.
- Please note that anyone displaying Covid symptoms should be isolating at home for 10 days from onset of symptoms. The rest of the household should isolate at home for 14 days.
- We will supply work for pupils who are self-isolating.

**Absence** – If your child is going to be absent please ring the school office by 8.30am on the first day of absence.

**Morning Club/After School Club** – With this new era of Covid restrictions we are still trying to find a way to best implement efficient and fair wrap around care. From Monday we are going to run a monthly invoice system with 7 day payment terms. The invoices will be issued at the end of the month. Without invoice payment we cannot continue to offer this service as spaces are limited to 5 children from each class. First come first served. In September we will also be issuing invoices left over from before the Covid lockdowns in March, these will need to be cleared from your account. Please, as ever use Payment 4 schools, we can no longer accept cash or cheques.

**Reading Books** - Please can you have a good look around for any school reading books that you may have had during the lockdown period? We are running short at the moment and our resources are especially stretched as we have to quarantine books before we use them again.

**PE Clothing** - We have had a few parents ask for clarification of what is to be worn on PE days. Please see the following link for details: <https://www.leighbransford.worcs.sch.uk/parents/school-uniform/> Please note that uniform and PE kit does not need to be purchased exclusively from School Togs. At the moment all PE is done outside so trainers are needed rather than pumps.

**Bus Lists** – Please ensure you let the school office know at the beginning of every week what days your child(ren) are on the bus. This is especially important now as our Covid start/end of day procedures means everything takes longer and we are limited for time. Staff are not always doing the same job role and we need to be confident we are putting a child on the bus that should be on the bus!

**Black Pepper lunches** – These guys have listened to feedback and are trialling new things, any feedback would be greatly appreciated so we can ensure they continue with anything that works well.

**Medicine** – Please remember this always needs to come through via the office to be signed into school. We also need to know dosage, time of dosage, child’s name(!) and have your signature before we can administer anything.

**Newsletter Format** – We are currently reviewing our weekly communications. Previously we have always done weekly class reports, going forward we are going to focus on a class per week with every class being featured per half term. This will be starting next week with Mr Powney and his new children so watch this space!

**Dates for your Diary**

**Academic Year 2021/2022**

| <b>Holiday</b>            | <b>School closes on</b>        | <b>School re-opens on</b>        |
|---------------------------|--------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| <b>Autumn Term</b>        | <b>Not Applicable</b>          | <b>Thursday 2 September 2021</b> |
| <b>Autumn mid term</b>    | <b>Friday 22 October 2021</b>  | <b>Monday 1 November 2021</b>    |
| <b>Christmas</b>          | <b>Friday 17 December 2021</b> | <b>Tuesday 4 January 2022</b>    |
| <b>Spring mid-term</b>    | <b>Friday 18 February 2022</b> | <b>Monday 28 February 2022</b>   |
| <b>Easter</b>             | <b>Friday 8 April 2022</b>     | <b>Monday 25 April 2022</b>      |
| <b>Summer mid-term</b>    | <b>Friday 27 May 2022</b>      | <b>Monday 6 June 2022</b>        |
| <b>End of summer term</b> | <b>Friday 22 July 2022</b>     | <b>Not Applicable</b>            |

**Term Dates Academic Year 2021/2022**

| <b>Holiday</b>              | <b>Date</b>                 |
|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| <b>Good Friday</b>          | <b>Friday 15 April 2022</b> |
| <b>Easter Monday</b>        | <b>Monday 18 April 2022</b> |
| <b>May Day</b>              | <b>Monday 2 May 2022</b>    |
| <b>Whitsun Bank Holiday</b> | <b>Monday 30 May 2022</b>   |

**TED Days**

Monday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2021, Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> May 2021, Friday 25<sup>th</sup> June 2021

## Celebrating Our Achievements and Successes!

### Class 1

Toby H – Great letter formation.

Finley D – Thoughtful answers and always putting his hand up.

Monty L – Great settling in & trying hard at everything.

### Class 2

Joshua H – Excellent focus & hard work

Harvey H & Freya D – Fantastic manners and focus when working.

### Class 3

Freya P – Excellent attitude towards her learning.

Daniel C – Having a great week settling in to a new class.

### Class 4

Freya U – Caring & kind attitude towards her classmates.

Luke B – For talking about what he read with great enthusiasm and using our 'Expert Reading Tip'

### Class 5

Amber T – Excellent contributions in class.

Darcy T – For always showing excellent effort in her learning.

Jonny C – For showing great effort in his work.

Henry T – For superb dilligence.

Bethany R – For amazing effort in all subject areas.

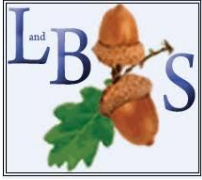
Grace C & Elsie L – For settling into their new class really well.

### Class 6

Bethany MB – Showing perserverance in all work.

Rory H – Showing perserverance in all work.

Molly G – Showing perserverance in all work



Friends of Leigh & Bransford Primary School



## 100 Club 2020/21

Each year we run a successful 100 Club which raises £600 for our school and gives out £600 in prize money!

Numbers cost £12 each

Monthly draws will take place at the end of each month starting September with Bonus draws throughout the year.

**Prizes each month**

**First £20, Second £10, Third £7.50**

**Bonus Draw**

**£50 at Christmas, Easter and Summer!!**

Winners will be announced on Facebook and on the journal.

If you would like to join the club, please complete the online form

<https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=QYA4YyKDPEOKsRmij84xxiAUOFR9zMZGrr-zD54XophURVM2VDNTN0pESDhSOVVOSEtNWEtWQVFVQi4u>

And make payment either by PayPal to [Claire\\_randall@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:Claire_randall@yahoo.co.uk) or in cash via the office.

Please complete the form and submit your money before the Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> September.

Families can have multiple numbers.

If we need more than 100 numbers, we will increase to a 120 club with an extra chance to win £10 each month!!